

Rhode Island Judiciary

FY 2021 Revised, FY 2022, and Capital
Recommendations
House Finance Committee
April 27, 2021

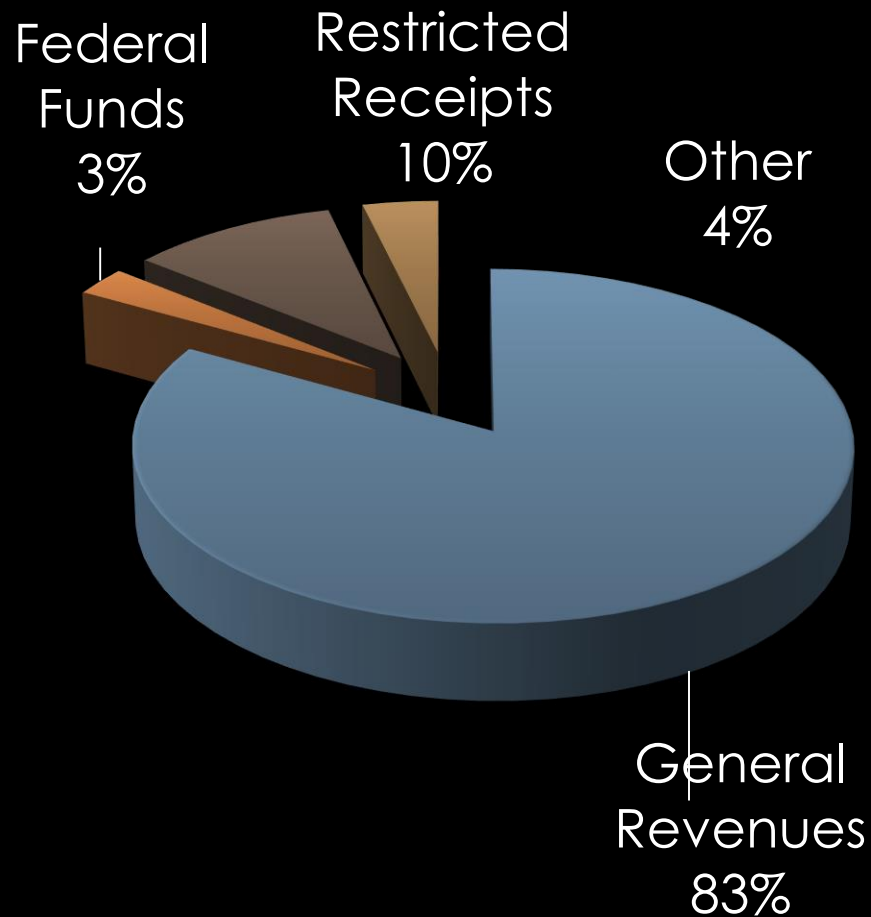
FY 2021 Revised

	FY 2021 Enacted	FY 2021 Revised	Chg. To Enacted
General Revenues	\$103.5	\$103.8	0.3
Federal Funds	3.5	3.8	0.4
Restricted Receipts	12.9	13.9	1.0
Other Funds	2.3	2.3	(0.0)
Total	\$122.1	\$123.7	\$1.6

\$ in millions

- General revenues same as enacted
 - Except for statewide assessed fringe benefit adjustments

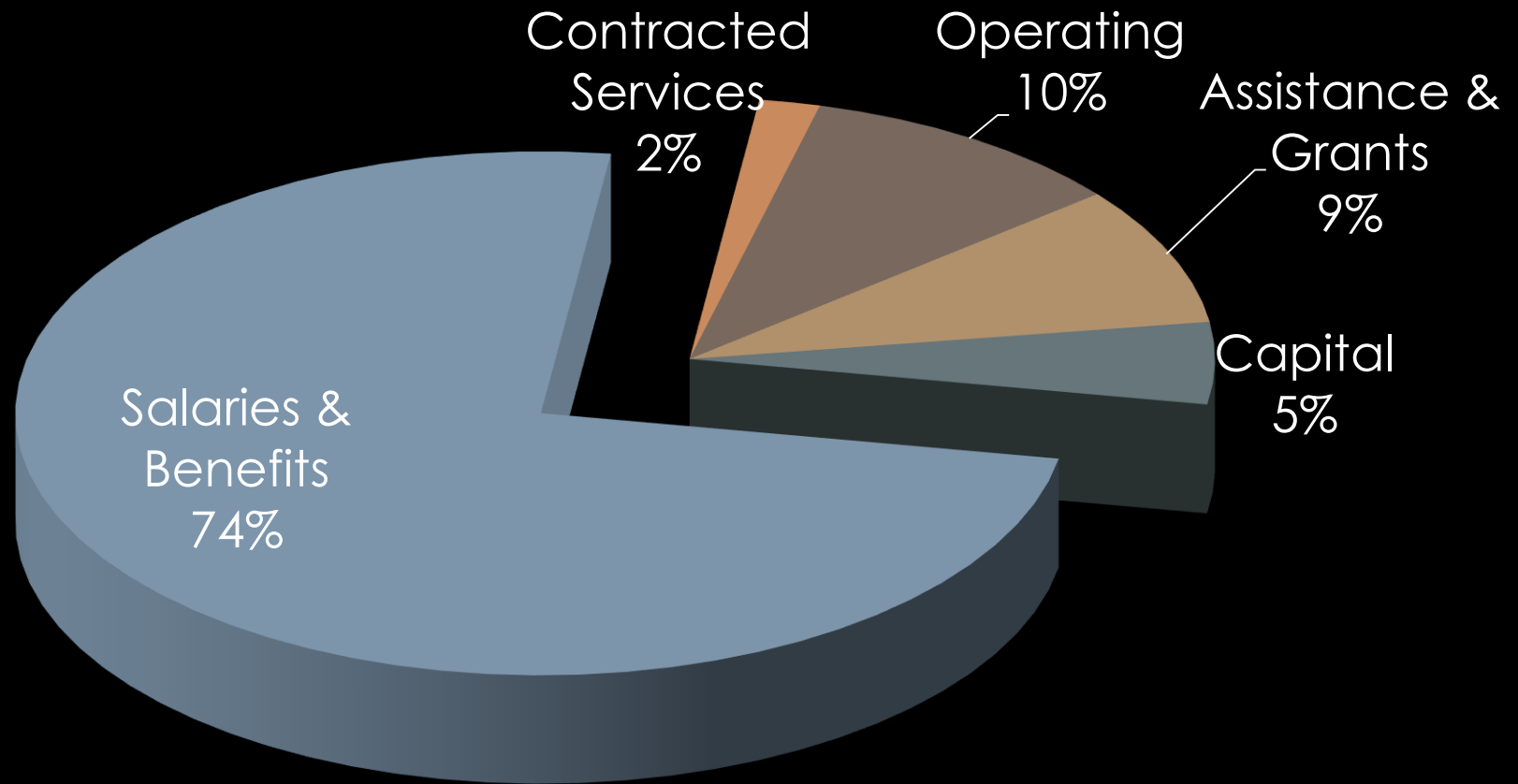
FY 2022 by Source



Changes to Enacted	
General Revenues	\$5.3
Federal Funds	0.1
Restricted Receipts	0.8
Other Funds	2.6
Total	\$8.8

\$ in millions

FY 2022 by Category

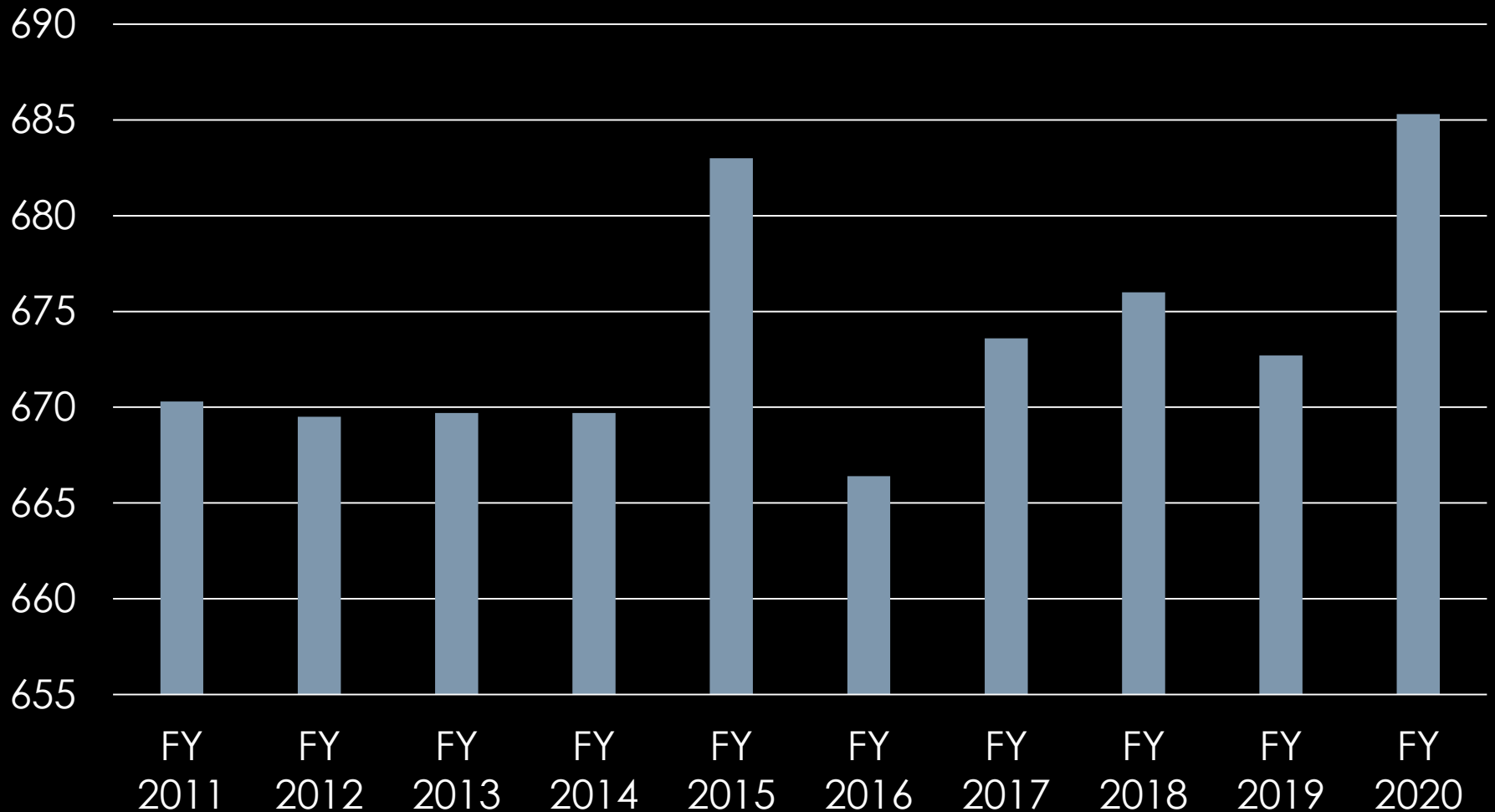


Staffing

Full-Time Equivalent Positions

Full-Time Positions	FTEs	Chg. To Enacted
Enacted Authorized	726.3	-
FY 2021 Gov. Rev.	726.3	-
FY 2022 Request	726.3	-
FY 2022 Governor	726.3	-
FY 2022 Funded FTE	693.5	(32.8)
Filled as of April 10	673.4	(52.9)
FY 2020 Average Filled	685.3	(41.0)

Staffing History – Filled FTEs



Overhead Functions

Overhead Functions FY 2022

Changes to Enacted

Change to Enacted	Gen. Rev.	All Funds
Pay-Go Judges Pensions	\$ -	\$ -
Court Technology	0.1	0.1
Facilities & Operations	0.1	0.1
Finance, Budget & Employee Relations	0.4	0.4
Community Outreach/Public Support	0.1	0.1
Indigent Defense	(0.1)	(0.1)
Clerks/Record Center	0.4	0.4
Other Overhead Functions	0.3	0.3
Total	\$1.4	\$1.4

\$ in millions

Pay-Go Pensions

- \$5.2 million for FY 2022 = enacted
 - \$4.5 million from general revenues
- For judges & magistrates hired before 1990
 - Not part of Employees' Retirement System
 - Paid through annual appropriation rather than through the retirement trust fund
- 5 judges still working that are not part of the pension system
 - All are eligible to retire

Court Technology

- \$6.9 million and 17.0 FTE
 - \$0.1 million more than enacted
 - Case Management System
 - Electronic filing for all courts
 - Computers, servers, software
 - Increased efficiency for data management
 - Other Court Technology
 - Computers
 - Copier and scanner replacement
 - Contract work for reporting, network support, & applications support

Facilities and Operations

- \$7.8 million & 12.0 FTE for maintenance of judicial complex facilities
 - \$0.1 million more than enacted
 - Current service adjustments & no turnover savings
 - Custodial and maintenance
 - Minor renovations and repairs

Overhead Functions

- Finance, Budget, & Employee Relations

- \$2.8 million & 16.0 FTE
 - \$0.4 million more than enacted
 - Current service adjustments
 - No turnover savings

- Community Outreach & Public Support

- \$1.1 million & 6.0 FTE including interpreters
 - \$0.1 million less than enacted
 - Current service adjustments
 - No turnover savings

Indigent Defense

- Court appoints legal representation when Public Defender has a conflict of interest
- \$5.0 million for FY 2021 revised & FY 2022
 - \$0.1 million less than enacted

Indigent Defense Spending	
FY 2015	\$3.9
FY 2016	\$3.9
FY 2017	\$4.0
FY 2018	\$4.1
FY 2019	\$4.6
FY 2020	\$4.5

\$ in millions

Individual Courts FY 2022 Recommendation

Supreme Court

- Final court of review
 - Only constitutionally established court
- 5 Judges, 33.8 total positions
- \$8.6 million for FY 2022
 - \$0.2 million more than enacted
 - Almost all for salaries and benefits
 - Restores enacted turnover savings
 - Current service adjustments

Special Appropriations

- Article 1 identifies general revenue appropriations to community organizations
 - RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 - For Domestic Abuse Court Advocacy Project
 - \$230,000 same as enacted budget
 - RI Legal Services
 - For housing & eviction defense to indigent individuals
 - \$90,000 same as enacted budget

Criminal Injuries Compensation

- RIGL 12-25-29 provides 15%, not to exceed \$150,000, of court fees to courts
 - To be used for the purpose of informing victims of crime of their rights
 - Courts contract with Justice Assistance to run victim outreach program
- All other fees support Crime Victim Compensation Program in Office of General Treasurer
 - Receipts have been declining since FY 2013

Criminal Injuries Compensation

- Contract w/ Justice Assistance is \$166,677
 - \$16,667 more than max allowed by law
- Governor recommends that Courts only retain 15% of court fees
 - This would provide \$80,000 more restricted receipts for Treasurer's Crime Victims Program
 - Governor adds \$80,000 from general revenues to Courts to backfill lost restricted receipts
 - Justice Assistance stays whole

Superior Court

- Jurisdiction over felony & misdemeanor cases appealed/waived from District Ct.
 - Small claims
 - Violations of municipal ordinances/regs.
 - Misdemeanors when right to jury trial waived
- 27 Judges/Magistrates, 166.7 total FTE
- \$25.6 million for FY 2022
 - \$1.8 million more than enacted to restore turnover savings

District Court

- 16 Judges/Magistrates, 95.0 total FTE
- \$14.8 million for FY 2022
 - Small claims
 - Violations of municipal ordinances & regs.
 - Misdemeanors when right to jury trial waived
 - Specialty courts such as drug & veterans
- \$0.6 million more than enacted
 - Current service adjustments
 - Restores turnover savings

Family Court

- Cases involving
 - Juveniles
 - Parental neglect, Paternity issues & Divorces
- 21 Judges/Magistrates, 172.7 total FTE
- \$26.9 million for FY 2022
 - \$0.9 million more than enacted
 - Current service adjustments
 - Restore turnover savings

Traffic Tribunal

- Civil traffic violations
 - License suspensions
 - DOT and DEM violations
- 8 Judges/Magistrates, 76.2 total FTE
- \$9.8 million for FY 2022
 - \$0.8 million more than enacted
 - Current service adjustments
 - Restore turnover savings

Workers' Compensation Court

- Adjudicates all workers' compensation cases
 - Including rehabilitation of injured employees
- 10 Judges, 50.0 total positions
- \$9.3 million for FY 2022 from restricted receipts
 - \$0.4 million more than enacted
 - Current service adjustments
 - Restore turnover savings

Judicial Tenure and Discipline

- Judicial Tenure and Discipline Commission
 - Conducts investigations of judges suspected or charged with misconduct
- 14 member commission serves without compensation
- \$0.2 million – funding for 1.0 position and operations

FY 2022 – 2026 Capital Plan

Project	Status	Cost	End Date
Asset Protection	Revised	\$17.7	perpetual
Judicial Complexes - HVAC	Revised	\$13.3	FY 2026
Garrahy Judicial Complex - Asset Protection	Revised	\$5.5	Post - FY 2026
Fan Coil Unit Replacements	Revised	\$4.6	Post - FY 2026
Licht Judicial Complex Restoration	Revised	\$8.0	FY 2025
Garrahy Courtroom Restoration	Ongoing	\$1.8	FY 2024
Murray Courtroom Restoration	Ongoing	\$0.7	FY 2022
McGrath - Replacement of Rooftop Units	Ongoing	\$0.2	FY 2023

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